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REPLY TO: **APCIN-182**
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: **Proposed USAF Nominations "Highest List" for Possible Employment of TALENT vs USOR**

SEP 7 1961

TO: **Chairman, COMOR**

1. Reference: **COMOR ICS 1042-61 (Item 2, Agenda).** (COMOR-M-44)
2. The AF COMOR member has reviewed those targets which should be included on a new TALENT highest priority list similar to the list compiled prior to 1 May 1960.
3. Based on this review, it has been concluded that list should include targets in following priority categories:

1. **MISSILES.**

A. **ICBM**

We have now located with KEYHOLE several installations which are confirmed/probable or possible ICBM sites. Resolution of KEYHOLE limits our ability to perform the technical analysis urgently required on these sites. Highest priority requirement, therefore, is to obtain at earliest possible date high resolution coverage such as TALENT of these sites. In addition, there remain several complexes which remain highly suspect for ICBM deployment, but which KEYHOLE has failed to pinpoint. Collateral information on these sites is such that these targets cannot be removed from highest list until high resolution coverage of areas involved is obtained, since possibility exists that sites have been camouflaged and will not be detected with 25' or a side resolution. Following are the ICBM areas that represent our highest priority objectives for TALENT:

1. **Flametal**
2. **Yurya**
3. **Yasharola**
4. **Kestrona**
5. **Tyura Ten**
6. **Olonya Area**
7. **Alma Ata/Franze Search Area**
8. **Polyarny Urul**

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High resolution coverage of IT, particularly launch area "G" and "T", required to permit assessment of developments. Also required is current technical analysis of new facilities or installations in complex.

B. IRBM/IRBM/SSM

Covered by KEYHOLE were a number of IRBM/SSM complexes in Baltic, Carpathian and Kiev areas of USSR. Required is high resolution coverage of each of the various configurations seen in order to permit detailed technical analysis of all facilities and launch areas in these complexes. Following are IRBM/SSM areas for coverage by TALENT:

1. Spassk Dainy Complex
2. Sovetskaya Gavan SSM
3. Drest Area to Belarusk (search)
4. Kartana SSM (in-line site)
5. Poplaka SSM (dumbell site)
6. Mikashovo SSM (rectangular and unidentified type site)
7. Chernyakhovsk (irregular site)
8. Repustyn Yar (Scam 9, Launch Area 2c)

COMINT/RADINT has confirmed two missile launchings from Sovetskaya Gavan area to Kiyoshi impact area. Required is pinpoint location of launch facility, and detailed analysis. KEYHOLE has failed to pinpoint location.

C. SIGNIFICANT DEFENSIVE MISSILES

KEYHOLE has identified the first probable operational SA-3 SAM (low level) near Palanga Airfield in Baltic area. KEYHOLE has also identified several highly unusual SAM configurations in Leningrad area. Required is high resolution photography to permit detailed analysis so urgently required relating to mission of SAM. In addition, there is evidence that Soviets may be constructing an Anti-Missile Missile (AMM) site at Peschanyy in Kiyoshi impact area. Sary Shagan is also on highest list relating to AMM R&D.

1. Palanga Airfield SA-3
2. Leningrad - unusual SAMs NW of city
3. Peschanyy (Kiyoshi ICBM impact area)
4. Sary Shagan AMM Test Range

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II. BOGERS

Recent Moscow fly-bys have indicated that Soviets are producing in quantity several significant new supersonic bombers/or fighters. Required is high resolution photography of probable production facilities and deployment bases. Also required is information on possible ANP development program. Following are highest objectives:

1. Moscow (Ramenskoye and Shebelkovo Airfields)
2. Belon (possible ANP R & D)
3. Boranovich (new bomber deployment)
4. Orsha SV
5. Belaya Tserkov

III. NUCLEAR ENERGY

Major gaps exist in our estimates on Soviet AE capability, particularly in Plutonium production and other significant AE areas. Certain AE facilities in USSR have never been covered with photography useable for obtaining the data required. In addition, recent resumption of Soviet nuclear testing requires an urgent look at major test areas.

1. Kyshtyn
2. Angarsk
3. Krasnoyarsk
4. Semipalatinsk N.T.S.
5. Novaya Zemlya N.T.A.

IV. UNIDENTIFIED MAJOR COMPLEXES

1. Sarovskikh
2. Balta
3. Serenovka
4. Mashynsk

4. Request the above targets be included on the new COMINT TALENT Highest Priority List.

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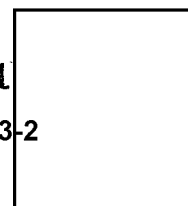
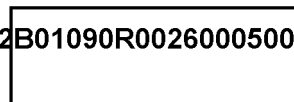
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